

Welcome to the *Message from the Attorney General*. I'm Bob Spagnoletti, Attorney General for the District of Columbia, and it is my great pleasure to bring this video message to OAG employees and to the citizens of the District to inform each of you of some of our most important initiatives.

As you know, since my appointment to this office more three years ago, it has been my goal to reshape OAG, to highlight the very important work done by each of you, and to better inform the public about the role of the Office of the Attorney General. I'm pleased to say that we now enjoy increased community awareness about OAG, and operate as a more efficient agency thanks to long overdue internal restructuring. Now its time for a facelift!

As many of you are well aware, our offices at One Judiciary Square are in dire need of renovation. With the exception of a fresh coat of paint on the 6th floor, the majority of OAG's office space has not been renovated in nearly 15 years! The good news is that is about to change!

The Office of Property Management has projected a nearly two-year long renovation project totaling more than seven million dollars to make OAG's offices truly look and feel like the District's law firm.

To facilitate such a large-scale renovation, OAG is negotiating a 5 year lease for swing space at 11-hundred 15th Street, N.W. The first phase of the renovation will affect the following divisions and sections which will remain in the downtown office space for the duration of the project: Consumer Protection, Rule Making, Personnel and Labor Relations and The Office of the Solicitor General will move without the Criminal Section.

At this time, no date for the move has been decided. The Office of Property Management must now open Requests for Proposals to contractors to build out the new office spaces according to a design plan.

Renovations will begin in the rear of the OAG law library. When it's all said and done, the cellar level will become a state-of-the-art data and litigation support center that will include a copy center, supply room and mailroom.

At the same time the renovations are taking place on 1-C, the Child Support Services reception area will be remodeled to comply with federal security regulations. Once the reception area is completed, all of CSSD will be renovated.

Next, the entire 10th floor north will be reconfigured with conference rooms, offices and a new lobby area. From the 10th floor, crews will begin work on the 4th floor north.

And last, but not least, the final phase of renovations will take place on the 6th floor, with crews working their way from the south side of the building to the north side of the building. Although not written in stone, the OAG law library may be re-located to the 6th floor.

I will work with all deputies and managers to ensure minimal interruption, and with the exception of those moving into the swing space, will shift personnel to the north or south sides of the building during the project.

My thanks to each of you for putting your best foot forward in less than optimal surroundings. OAG is one of the last District agencies to undergo major renovations. Together, we will usher in a new look for OAG – one that is befitting of the District's top law office!

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